
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 8-K

Current Report

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): 01/11/2009

Southwest Airlines Co.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File Number: 1-7259

Texas
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

74-1563240
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

P.O. Box 36611, Dallas, Texas 75235-1611
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(214) 792-4000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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 - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On January 11, 2009, Louis E. Caldera informed the Company of his resignation from the Board effective January 15, 2009. In December 2008, President-elect Barack Obama announced his selection of Mr. Caldera to serve as Director of the White House Military Office.

Signature(s)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Southwest Airlines Co.

Date: January 15, 2009

By: /s/ Laura Wright

Laura Wright
Senior Vice President Finance and Chief Financial Officer